

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Sean F. Parmenter (Reg. No.: 53,437) on May 7, 2008.

In the claims:

- Please cancel claim 33
- In Claim 24, Claim Line 3, after the expression "one or more computer readable" and before the term "media", please insert the term -- storage --
- In claim 26, Claim Line 1, please delete the term -- server --
- In claim 27, Claim Line 1, please delete the term -- server --
- In claim 28, Claim Line 1, please delete the term -- server --

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6-16, 18-28 (renumbered 1-16) are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior art of record taken singularly or in combination reasonably teach or suggest the combined functional limitations of distributing documents by producing a first identifier associated with a first document, the first identifier including first information indicative of a first

server configured to create the first document in an original document format; transmitting the first identifier from the first server to a client based upon a request from the client to create the first document on the first server in the original document format; associating the first identifier by the client with the first document; transmitting a copy of the first document in the original document format from the client to the first server; receiving a distribution list associated with the first document, the distribution list identifying a second server; transmitting a commit request to the first server; in response to the commit request, transmitting a copy of the first document from the first server to the second server identified by the distribution list, the first server and the second server thereafter responsive to one or more download requests for one or more copies of the first document, the download requests containing the first information; in response to receiving a second document representative of a modified version of the first document, determining the server that created the first document in the original document format based on the first information; and propagating a copy of the second document to the server that created the first document in the original document format based on the distribution list as recited in claims 1, 10, 15, and 24.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yemane Mesfin whose telephone number is (571)272-3927. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00AM-6:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vaughn William can be reached on 572-272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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